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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA HAS "HEART BLOCK"

REF: GABORONE 2021

1. RADIO BOTSWANA ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 5 THAT PRESIDENT KHAMA HAS "HEART BLOCK". THIS IS CONDITION IN WHICH ELECTRICAL IMPULSES WHICH CONTROL THE HEARTBEAT ARE BLOCKED FOR SOME REASON. A TEMPORARY PACEMAKER, IMPLANTED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT LEFT GABORONE, WAS INTENDED TO REGULATE THE IMPULSES UNTIL EXTENSIVE TESTS COULD BE COMPLETED IN JOHANNESBURG. THESE TESTS WOULD LAST AT LEAST A WEEK.

2. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, HEART BLOCK CAN BE CAUSED BY TEMPORARY ILLNESS OR CAN BE OF MORE PERMANENT NATURE. SHOULD THE JOHANNESBURG SPECIALISTS FIND IT TO BE THE FORMER, THE CONDITION MAY CORRECT ITSELF AND THE PRESIDENT MAY BE RELEASED WITHIN ONE OR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT FURTHER TREATMENT. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE BLOCK BE THE RESULT OF A LONGER-RANGE PROBLEM, A PERMANENT PACEMAKER WILL BE INSTALLED.

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